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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4681

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

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BEIRUT FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: RSO SWAFFORD TDY

REF: (A) BEIRUT 6586

(B) STATE 119600

(C) AMMAN 3406

(D) STATE 116345

(E) AMMAN 3154

(F) BEIRUT 5938

1. AMMAN RESPONDED (REF E) TO REQUEST (REF F) FOR CONSIDERATION
RELEASE RSO FOR SIX WEEKS TDY TEHRAN. RESPONSE WAS TENTATIVE, SUBJECT
FILLING TEMPORARY VACANCY IN ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OCCASIONED BY
GSO SCHEDULED DPARTURE HOME LEAVE JUNE 18. GSO IS USAID EMPLOYEE
AND TDY REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF USAID, BUT NO RESPONSE
YET RECEIVED.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO COVER GSO
POSITION AND ACT FOR RSO AS WELL. UNDERSTAND ROUTINE RSO REQUIREMENTS
COULD BE SET ASIDE AND RSS BEIRUT WOULD RESPOND TO ANY EMERGENCYM
NEVERTHELESS WHEN INCUMBENT ABRUPTLY REMOVED FROM ESTABLISHED
POSITION FOR SIX WEEKS PERIOD THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE NUMEROUS
REQUESTS FOR SERVICES AND INFORMATION AND ALL CANNOT BE IGNORED
OR POSTPONED. OTHER CONSIDERATION WAS TIMING, FIRST SIX WEEKS
THEN PREFERABLY TO SECOND AS UN MANDATE IN GOLAN WAS SCHEDULED
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TO EXPIRE MID JULY WITH POSSIBLE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR

AMMAN.

3. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE, AND
RECOGNIZES TEHRAN'S NEED AND BENEFIT TO RSO SWAFFORD. HOWEVER,
RESPONSE TO ORIGINAL REQUEST STILL APPLICABLE. AMMAN CANNOT
AFFORD SIMULTANEOUS ABSENCE TWO KEY MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION. IF EITHER POSITION CAN BE FILLED TEMPORARILY WILL
GLADLY RELEASE SSAFFORD. GIVEN NEED FOR ADVANCED DATE ARRIVAL
TEHRAN, MAY 27, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ASSIGN SOMEONE OTHER THAN
SWAFFORD TEHRAN FOR FIRST SIX WEEKS AND HOLD SECOND SIX WEEKS
OPTION OPEN FOR HIM. IF USAID IS PROVIDING
TDY GSO POST SHOULD KNOW IN TWO WEEKS.
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